

House Resolution 615

By: Representatives Kaiser of the 59th, Sellier of the 136th, Pruett of the 144th, Holmes of the 61st, Brooks of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Kevin Gemario Dukes; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished young
3 individuals with the untimely passing of Kevin Gemario "Doc" Dukes; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Kevin knew that he wanted to fly from a very young age, and in order to pursue
5 his dreams of becoming a pilot, he began his aviation training at the age of 15, attending Ace
6 Flight School at Charlie Brown Airport; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he left his native Atlanta to study Aerospace Engineering at Tuskegee
8 University in Tuskegee, Alabama, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 2001, and,
9 upon graduation, he moved to Seattle to begin his career at The Boeing Company; and
- 10 WHEREAS, as a certified flight instructor and a commercial pilot, Kevin logged more than
11 400 flight hours and 350 hours as pilot in command, flying around the world to such places
12 as Iceland, Australia, Brazil, Mauritius, Dubai, Tokyo, and Singapore; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Kevin started his own flight instruction business, Iron Eagle L.L.C, and he
14 wrote that aviation was his true passion in life and that he dreamed of becoming a test pilot
15 or an airline captain; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Kevin Dukes lived the following words attributed to the famous pilot, Charles
17 Lindberg: "I owned the world that hour as I rode over it, free of the earth, free of the
18 mountains, free of the clouds, but how inseparably I was bound to them"; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Kevin was in a tragic plane crash on August 4, 2005, but while the loss of any
20 loved one is a terrible event, his friends and family in Georgia and elsewhere know that
21 Kevin departed while he was doing what he loved.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the
2 members of this body join together in honoring the memory of Kevin Gemario Dukes and
3 extending the deepest and most sincere condolences to his family and friends.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Kevin
6 Gemario Dukes.